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R E P O R T
OF THE
MINORITY OF THE COMMITTEE
ON THE AFFAIRS OF THE
MARYLAND PENITENTIARY.

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The minority of the select committee, appointed by the House to examine into the affairs and condition of the Maryland Penitentiary, beg leave respectfully to report, that they have carefully discharged the duty imposed upon them, and the result of that investigation leads them to concur in the report of the majority of the committee, so far as the same relates to the management of the institution. The committee were much gratified to find that those in whose care and supervision the Penitentiary now is, have been and now are industriously engaged in managing the affairs of the institution in the best possible manner, and we cannot withhold our testimonials of the credit due them for the neat and cleanly condition of the different departments of the building, the good order which is preserved throughout the work shops, and for the many important and wholesome changes which have been made in the rules and regulations of the establishment since it was confided to their charge. These changes in the rules and regulations require the sanction of the Legislature, otherwise they cannot be carried into effect beyond the present session.

But although the minority of the committee most cheerfully agree thus far with the majority, they do most respectfully ask leave to dissent from the majority as to the amount of money recommended to afford relief to the institution. The minority of the committee are of the opinion that \$15,000 would enable them to carry on their operations, until sales could be effected of a sufficiency of the manufactured articles on hand, to serve their purpose until the next meeting of the Legislature. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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